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- 1. LEBANESE PRIME MINISTER SAEB SALAM, FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS, AND IMPOSING GROUP OF LOCAL JOURNALISTS ARE VISITING MOROCCO MARCH 12-17 AND ALGERIA MARCH 17-21. WHILE THERE WILL BE DISCUSSIONS OF "MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE QUESTION" AND OTHER SUBJECTS, INCLUDING COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS, WE UNDERSTAND TRIP IS PRIMARILY PUBLIC RELATIONS EXERCISE WITHOUT MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE. PRIME MINISTER WILL ALSO STOP FOR COUPLE DAYS IN PARIS AFTER ALGIERS.
- 2. GOL HAS FOR SOME TIME BEEN FOLLOWING POLICY OF DEVELOPING BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS WITH ALL ARAB COUNTRIES. PRIME MINISTER'S TRIP, COMING ON HEELS OF PRESIDENT'S TRIPS TO EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA IN FEBRUARY, SYMBOLIZES THIS POLICY AS WELL AS INTERNAL POLITICAL BALANCE BETWEEN MOSLEM PRIME MINISTER AND CHRISTIAN PRESIDENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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